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# Your voice in regulatory affairs

Regulations affect every Canadian every day. They range from ensuring the safety of goods to protecting the environment.

The federal government believes that Canadians should know about proposals to create new regulations and change existing ones well before they become law.

Regulations must be sensitive to the needs and concerns of Canadians. A healthy regulatory system depends on individual citizens, business people, public-interest groups and professional associations having a say in the process.

# **The Federal Regulatory Plan**

The Federal Regulatory Plan gives you an early opportunity to take part in this process. Every December the federal government publishes the plan, listing all regulations proposed for the coming year.

Each proposed regulation is described in plain language, explaining

- · what problem it intends to address,
- what effect it will have, and
- when it will be introduced.

Included in the plan as well is the name, address and telephone number of a person you can contact with your comments, advice and suggestions for each proposal.

After consultation, the draft regulation is published in Part I of the *Canada Gazette*, along with a regulatory impact analysis statement. This allows you to see exactly how the regulation will be worded, and gives you a further opportunity to comment.

# **Regulatory reform policy**

The federal government's policy is to limit regulations to the minimum, simplify and streamline procedures, and make sure that members of the public have an opportunity to participate in the regulatory process.

Better opportunities for public participation help ministers to take well-informed decisions about regulations.

The regulatory reform policy is resulting in a more responsive, effective, and disciplined regulatory framework for Canada.

# Citizen's Code of Regulatory Fairness

In 1986 the federal government brought in the *Citizen's Code of Regulatory Fairness* to guarantee open and effective regulation-making.

The regulatory **process** – involves full consultation and participation by Canadians.

The **result** – a minimum of interference yet protecting the interests of the community.

Regulation-making must be a joint venture between the government and Canadian citizens if our regulations are to help our marketoriented initiatives toward global trade and competitiveness. You can consult the 1992 Federal Regulatory Plan in most public and academic libraries. You can also get a personal copy of the plan by mailing the postage-paid card attached to this brochure.

The plan is available in three forms: in print; on an MS-DOS-compatible 3 1/2" computer diskette; and on-line in many libraries and other locations that have access to the federal government's *Info Source* data base.

#### Note:

To receive your printed copy of the 1992 plan or an electronic version on diskette, please be sure to return the postage-paid card immediately.

#### More information

For more information on the Federal Regulatory Plan, contact:

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